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**WHEREAS**, Arbor Day is a tradition in our city that calls public attention to the importance of tree planting and tree care as a means of sustaining one of our most precious natural resources; and

**WHEREAS**, trees in our city increase property values, buffer traffic noises, enhance the economic vitality of our business areas, and create beautiful landscapes in our parks and rights-of-way to make our community even more livable; and

WHEREAS, citizens are assured that these trees are protected and will receive the proper maintenance to develop into mature specimens for future generations to enjoy; and

**WHEREAS**, programs like Tree City USA and Arbor Day are opportunities for us to plant and maintain trees for the future, and we gratefully acknowledge the vision of leaders past who gave us the gift of the trees that we enjoy today; and

**WHEREAS,** the City of Glendale has been designated for the 17<sup>th</sup> year in a row as a "Tree City USA" by the national Arbor Day Foundation for our commitment to improving the urban forestry program in our community.

**NOW, THEREFORE,** I, Jerry Weiers, Mayor of the City of Glendale, Arizona, on behalf of the City Council, do hereby proclaim April 25, 2013, as

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and encourage all of our citizens to participate in the celebration of this occasion and realize its importance.

*In Witness Thereof, I have hereunto set my hand this 25th day of April, 2013.*